

Authority. and shall have authority to take the acknowledgments and proof of the execution of any deed, mortgage, or other conveyance of any lands, tenements or hereditaments lying or being in this state; any contract, letter of attorney, or any other writing, under seal, to be used or recorded in this state; and such acknowledgment or proof taken or made in the manner directed by the laws of this state, and certified by any one of the said commissioners before whom the same shall be taken or made, under seal, which certificate shall be endorsed on or annexed to said deed or instrument aforesaid, shall have the same force

Endorsement.

Available. and effect, and be as good and available in law for all purposes, as if the same had been made or taken before some one of the judges of the United States' courts, or of the courts of record of the several states.

Administer oaths. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That every commissioner appointed by virtue of this act, shall have full power and authority to administer an oath or affirmation to any person who shall be willing and desirous to make such oath or affirmation before him, and such affidavit or affirmation made before such commissioner, shall and is hereby declared to be as good and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if taken by any justice of the peace in this state.

Oath of office. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That every commissioner appointed as aforesaid, before he shall proceed to perform any duty under and by virtue of this law, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before a justice of the peace in the city or county in which such commissioner shall reside, well and faithfully to execute and perform all the duties of such commissioner under and by virtue of the laws of this state, which oath or affirmation shall be filed in the executive office of this state.

CHAPTER 116.

AN ACT directing that the Rules of the several Courts in this State, be published for the information of the People.

WHEREAS, courts have and exercise a discretionary power of establishing and altering rules, which in their operation are as binding as the acts of the legislature, and ought therefore to be printed and published; therefore,

Annual publication. SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the information of the citizens at large, it shall henceforth be the duty of every clerk of a county court, within two weeks next after the final adjournment of said court at the spring term in every year, to cause to be published at the state's expense, in each of the newspapers printed in his county, not exceeding two in number, a perfect copy of all the rules by said court established and then in force, and in case no newspaper should be printed in such county, then said publication

County courts directed.